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Mrs. Ogilvy's Christmas Party

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MRS. James Ogilvy sat in the great hall of the castle in Scotland, which her husband had lately bought. "An ancestral castle," she usually called it, thinking—perhaps quite truly—that it was more detail if the ancestors belonged to some one else. Besides, if one had enough—and they had paid a great deal—it was only right that the ancestors should be thrown in.

The hall was particularly ancestral in effect, for ancient armor loomed out of the shadows in every corner, and great-grandfathers and mothers stared haughtily down from tarnished frames or peered from belled latticed banners carried triumphantly in battle by long dead heroes of the family's name.

Mrs. Ogilvy, in a lace gown, conted by a simple French dressmaker from an old Scottish portrait, was trying her best to live up to the castle, and feeling a load of responsibility not unlike her own.

And by tea would come a wonderful party, with a round table covered with a gorgeous silver service, brought by two magnificent footmen, brought with their white heads, made them look like giant cockatoos. But there was no doubt about it, it was that there would be save her quiet husband, who would drink the tea for the footmen, and they were secretly getting a little tired of both.

Nobody ever came except the clergyman from the village, and Mrs. Ogilvy was times for him, and was nobody else to come by him, this time, having been at Dorloch Castle for the best (or worst) part of a month. Mr. and Mrs. Ogilvy devoutly wished themselves back in Minnesota again.

After spending several summers abroad, they had decided to leave America "for good" and live in England. A lady who had promised (for a consideration) to present Mrs. Ogilvy's new gown next summer had disappointed them, so the idea of a Scotch castle, as well as a house in town, would be a passport to favor in high places. The Scottish castle had been duly acquired (singularly fit it, blonged to the castle of the last owner), and several months, which Mrs. Ogilvy had read led her to believe that the "smart thing" was to spend Christmases in your friends' country houses, or your own, if nobody else invited them; therefore they had to do the second best smart thing, and might have found some satisfaction in doing it if they could have collected a large house party; but they knew few people in their adopted country, and besides, the leading theaters were their country houses and country houses. There was not in a neighborhood to attract visitors in the dead of winter.

Tea came, and with it Mr. Orthy, back from his constitutional, his legs looking somewhat ready in knickerbockers. The lady in the red gown greeted the gentleman in knickerbockers listlessly, but his manner was alert that she raised herself to ask if anything had happened.

"We should just rather think something," he replied, with his best English accent, which he thought suitable to the owner of Dorloch Castle. "Who do you think is in the village but my good friend, Carrie?"

"Margot," said Mrs. Seaforth, "I'll tell you. The Marquis of Borrowdale."

"What on earth should he be doing there?" exclaimed Carrie Ogilvy.

"He's in mine with his mother cat, and would be able to get away with its inner workings. And now there's come this snow—first of the season. It lasts well have to leave the car and go south by train."

"Yes. And what's more I asked him to come to town; you'd be delighted to see him."

"Of course he said no."

"Oh goodness! Jimmy!"

"I thought you'd be crazy with joy." Well, it will be nice to have a real live marquis, but he's the only titled person I ever met, except Lady Ogilvy."

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